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STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 194A.050, 200.650-676

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: The Cabinet for Health Services is directed by KRS 200.650 to 200.676 to administer all funds appropriated to implement provisions, to enter into contracts with service providers, and to promulgate administrative regulations. This administrative regulation sets forth definitions of terms used by the cabinet in administrative regulation pertaining to First Steps, Kentucky's Early Intervention Program.

Section 1. Definitions.

- (1) "**Assessment**" means activities completed to develop a service plan for an eligible child and his family;
- (2) "**Assistive technology device**" means any item, piece of equipment, or product system that is needed to increase, maintain, or improve the functional capabilities of a child with a disability and which is necessary to implement the individualized family service plan;
- (3) "**Child find**" means as defined in KRS 200.654(3);
- (4) "**Developmental quotient**" or "**DQ**" means a specific designation described in and determined using the examiners manual of a norm referenced test. It is not an extrapolated score based on a screening test;
- (5) "**Direct supervision**" means the continuous, on-site observation and guidance as activities are implemented with children and families;
- (6) "**Disciplines**" means those professionals recognized by First Steps to practice in early intervention services;
- (7) "**District Early Intervention Committee**" or "**DEIC**" means as defined in KRS 200.654(6);
- (8) "**District technical assistance team**" means a professional and a parent of a child with a disability combined staffing unit for the purpose of providing technical assistance, training, and support to families and providers in the local community;
- (9) "**Early intervention services**" means as defined in KRS 200.654(7);
- (10) "**Early intervention team**" means two (2) or more disciplines providing services to a child and family which employ any one (1) of the team models that include a multidisciplinary team;
- (11) "**Evaluation**" means the use of standardized norm-referenced procedures to determine eligibility for First Steps services;
- (12) "**Family centered**" means the recognition that the family is the constant in a child's life and that services and personnel must support, respect, encourage, and enhance the strength and competence of the family;
- (13) "**Family directed**" means the recognition that a family has choices and that services are provided in accordance with the family's priorities, concerns, and values;
- (14) "**First Steps**" means Kentucky's early intervention system as defined in KRS 200.654;
- (15) "**Interdisciplinary team**" means professionals working together cooperatively in both planning and delivering services to the eligible child. Emphasis is upon teamwork and interaction among team members who help and rely upon each other to provide well coordinated services, although each discipline ultimately delivers the services in its own domain.
- (16) "**Image Consistency Kit**" means the guidelines developed by the Interagency Coordinating Council Public Awareness committee for the purpose of ensuring that any use of the First Steps logo and other public awareness materials shall be consistent and in conformity with exact specifications set forth by the committee;
- (17) "**Indirect supervision**" means the regular, periodic, on-site observation and guidance as activities are implemented with children and families;
- (18) "**Individualized family services plan**" or "**IFSP**" means as defined in KRS 200.654(9);
- (19) "**Kentucky High Risk Hearing Registry**" means as defined in KRS 213.046;
- (20) "**Mentorship**" means a limited period of one (1) year of indirect supervision;

- (21) "**Multidisciplinary team**" means as defined in KRS 200.654(11);
- (22) "**Natural environments**" means settings, such as the home and the community, in which the child's age peers who have no disability normally participate;
- (23) "**Period of eligibility**" means the time from referral to First Steps to termination of services due to:
 - (a) Failure to meet initial program eligibility requirements;
 - (b) Attainment of age three (3);
 - (c) Documented refusal of service by parent or legal guardian inclusive of disappearance;
 - (d) Change of residence out of state;
- (24) "**Point of entry**" or "**POE**" means as defined in KRS 200.654(12);
- (25) "**Prematurity**" shall mean a gestational age, at birth, of less than thirty-seven (37) weeks;
- (26) "**Primary referral source**" means those in the community who have the greatest opportunity, by virtue of their work, their relationship to children of this age, or their special knowledge, to refer a child to First Steps;
- (27) "**Primary service coordinator**" or "**PSC**" means the person responsible for coordination of services after the POE initial service coordinator has completed his responsibilities for IFSP development;
- (28) "**Provider action**" means actions or decisions by the First Steps staff, and actions or decisions made by service providers relating to the identification, evaluation, placement of the child or the provisions of appropriate early intervention services.
- (29) "**Qualified service provider**" means as defined in KRS 200.654(13);
- (30) "**Teratogen**" means an agent causing fetal malformations.
- (31) "**Transdisciplinary team**" means professionals from various disciplines working together cooperatively by educating one another in the skills and practices of their disciplines and a commitment to work together across traditional discipline boundaries being consistent with the training and expertise of the individual team members.

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